

Since 2013, Rutherford County has awarded 16 Community Project Grants totaling \$21,770.00. It is that time again to start the application process in order to help fund Community Grant-Eligible Projects.

Purpose: Strengthen and build Rutherford County communities through a matching grant program. Community Projects should visibly and directly enhance the community where the project is completed.

Important Dates & Information

July 15, 2016

• Applications Available

August 26, 2016- Noon

• Close Application Period

August 29, 2016-September 2, 2016

• Review period for committee

September 6, 2016

• Grant recommendations presented to commissioners

September 7, 2016-June 30, 2017

• Community Project Grants to be awarded & completed by end of fiscal year.

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Grant-Eligible Project Examples

The following is a list of examples and is not exclusive of the types of Community Project Grants projects that could be funded:

- Community Signs
- Community Building Improvements/Repairs
- Community Gardens
- Community Recreation Facilities
- Community Clean-up Projects
- Community Culture Programs
- Community Festival
- Community History/Heritage

What You Need To Know

Application shall be completed and postmarked or emailed no later than noon on August 26, 2016. Multiple grants may be considered to a single community whereby the amount awarded shall not exceed \$1,000 per applicant in a single fiscal year (July 1 6 June 30). Grants may be awarded up to \$1,000 with a minimum 1:1 community cash match. Applicants must show that they are capable of organizing, administering and executing the Community Project proposed. Grants shall be for specific improvement projects and not operational expenses. Grants shall only be awarded for purposes otherwise allowed as a governmental use of funds (i.e., public purpose) and awardees shall be required to execute a grant award contract. For FY2016-17, the eligible expense date shall be September 7, 2016.

How to Apply

Applications Packets are included or may be found on the Rutherford County website

http://www.rutherfordcountync.gov/Departments/planning/Community. For questions regarding the application process, please contact Aubrey Clay at (828) 287-6052 or at aubrey.clay@rutherfordcountync.gov. Applications may be mailed, emailed, or faxed.